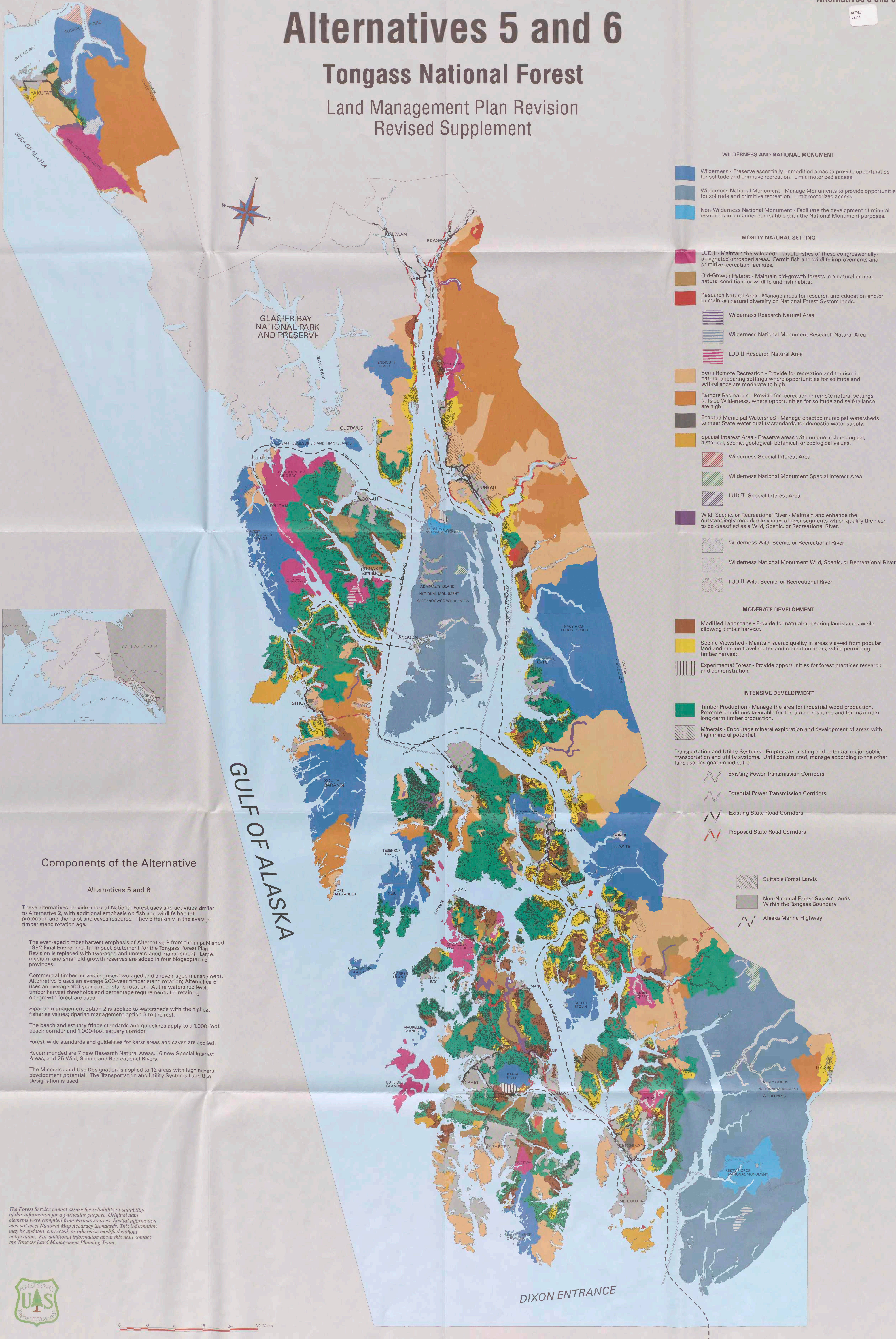


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Alternatives 5 and 6

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Components of the Alternative

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These alternatives provide a mix of National Forest uses and activities similar to Alternative 2, with additional emphasis on fish and wildlife habitat protection and the karst and caves resource. They differ only in the average timber stand rotation age.

The even-aged timber harvest emphasis of Alternative P from the unpublished 1992 Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Tongass Forest Plan Revision is replaced with two-aged and uneven-aged management. Large, medium, and small old-growth reserves are added in four biogeographic provinces.

Commercial timber harvesting uses two-aged and uneven-aged management. Alternative 5 uses an average 200-year timber stand rotation; Alternative 6 uses an average 100-year timber stand rotation. At the watershed level, timber harvest thresholds and percentage requirements for retaining old-growth forest are used.

Riparian management option 2 is applied to watersheds with the highest fisheries values; riparian management option 3 to the rest.

The beach and estuary fringe standards and guidelines apply to a 1,000-foot beach corridor and 1,000-foot estuary corridor.

Forest-wide standards and guidelines for karst areas and caves are applied.

Recommended are 7 new Research Natural Areas, 16 new Special Interest Areas, and 25 Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers.

The Minerals Land Use Designation is applied to 12 areas with high mineral development potential. The Transportation and Utility Systems Land Use Designation is used.

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